

The local and federal authorities responding to this crisis situation in a dense urban environment are to be commended for their courage and professionalism. Responders included the Montgomery County Police Department, Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service, the Maryland State Police, the FBI and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. I want to especially recognize the Special Operations Division SWAT team of the Montgomery County Police Department for its leadership throughout this intense and uncertain situation. The Discovery Communications' building security officers and administrative staff also are to be commended for their quick and effective implementation of their crisis plan. The seamless communication and coordination between these agencies was a demonstration of their outstanding training and preparedness to handle crisis situations.

I would also like to commend Discovery Communications for implementing effective emergency plans that resulted in the safe evacuation of their employees and children in the building's day care center. The level-headed approach of Discovery's management and employees towards the situation prevented the crisis from escalating into a far worse scenario. Discovery's actions were essential in ensuring the safety of its employees during this crisis.

Outstanding preparedness training and seamless inter-agency communication, combined with the effective implementation of emergency plans by calm and cooperative Discovery management and employees, brought this harrowing situation to a safe conclusion. Although there was a loss of life, the first responders' courage, swift response, and professionalism helped prevent a bad situation from becoming worse and even more deadly.

CONGRATULATING MRS. MARTHA TWISSELMAN ON RECEIVING THE 2010 AGRICULTURIST OF THE YEAR AWARD

HON. JIM COSTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Mrs. Martha Twisselman of McKittrick, California on receiving the 2010 Agriculturist of the Year Award from the Kern County Fair. Mrs. Twisselman's dedication to fostering youth interest in agriculture through her work on the Kern County Fair Junior Livestock Auction Committee and her many years of community service make her most deserving of this award. It should also be noted with special recognition that Mrs. Twisselman is the first woman to be recognized with this honor.

Mrs. Twisselman was born in Paso Robles, California, to Ellsworth and Mary Muttney. Martha attended Olig Elementary, McKittrick Elementary, and graduated from Taft High School. After graduation, she married Carl F. Twisselman II and moved to the Temblor Ranch where she began her life in the cattle business.

Mrs. Twisselman is an active community volunteer, having held several posts in the past years including President of the McKittrick Elementary School Parent Teachers Association and President of the Taft High and

McKittrick Elementary Parent's Support Organizations. Martha has also supported local youth groups, acting as a girls' softball coach for eight years and serving as a 4-H leader for 14 years.

Mrs. Twisselman's service to the agricultural community includes many years of involvement with the Kern County Cattlewomen's Association. She served as a director of the association, held the offices of secretary, treasurer, vice-president, and served as President of the association from 1997 to 1998. In 1996, Martha was also named Kern County Cattlewomen's Association Cattlewoman of the Year.

In addition to her volunteer service to youth and agriculture groups, Mrs. Twisselman has worked side-by-side for more than five decades with her husband, Carl, in the family's livestock grazing business. Martha was also a staff member of the Kern County Fair Junior Livestock Auction Committee for five years, working with families involved in showing livestock at the Kern County Fair. Last year, the Kern County Fair Auction Committee dedicated its catalogue to Martha and Carl Twisselman in honor of the couple's service to the agricultural community.

Martha and her husband Carl have four children, Mary Ann Hagstrom and husband Chuck; Carl F. Twisselman III and his wife Stacey; Julie M. VanSickel and her husband Jim; and Kathy Tracy and her husband Rob. Martha and Carl are also the proud grandparents of 13 grandchildren.

The leadership, commitment and dedication Mrs. Twisselman has shown to the Kern County Fair and to Kern County youth has not wavered during the many years she has served her community. Martha Twisselman is a role model for community spirit and it is with great pride that I congratulate her again on receiving the distinguished 2010 Kern County Fair Agriculturist of the Year Award and thank her for the great work she does for the residents of Kern County.

HONORING PASTOR SCOTT MANGANELLA AND PRECIOUS LIFE INCORPORATED

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. SHUSTER. Madam Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the work of Pastor Scott Manganella and Precious Life Incorporated of Altoona, Pennsylvania. Precious Life has been involved in helping young women between the ages of 16 to 22 through the challenges of unplanned pregnancies for over 20 years.

Precious Life began its mission in 1985 when Pastor Manganella began operating a non-profit 24-hour hotline to give pregnant women counseling and an alternative to abortion. 80 women were helped in the hotline's first year of operation.

In 1988 after seeing a need for expanded services, Precious Life bought a house on Allegheny Street in Hollidaysburg and converted it into a temporary home for pregnant women with nowhere else to turn.

Since the Precious Life Maternity Home opened 22 years ago, it has offered shelter, comfort and support to over 150 displaced young pregnant women in the Altoona area.

Pastor Manganella and the staff at Precious Life provide an open door for comfort and support to young women who have been kicked out of their homes, abused or simply have no other place to turn.

Equally important, the staff act as a surrogate family for many of these young women, giving them structure and direction that was absent in their lives.

Pastor Manganella's work has expanded throughout central Pennsylvania, with a sister office in Bedford as well as a ministry in Johnstown. In addition, Pastor Manganella recently partnered with My Brother's Keeper, a Pennsylvania non-profit international Christian charity to open a center for education on abortion and family issues in Romania.

Pastor Manganella will be honored for his leadership on October 19, 2010 at the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation's 2010 Celebrate Life Banquet in Harrisburg and I congratulate him for his noble service.

HONORING THE WOMAN'S CLUB OF MORRISTOWN

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 28, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Woman's Club of Morristown located in Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this year.

Since its inception in 1920 as the Woman's Town Improvement Committee, the Woman's Club of Morristown has played a significant role in the community. Part of the New Jersey State Federation of Woman's Clubs and the General Federation of Woman's Clubs, the Woman's Club of Morristown has a long history of helping improve the lives of others.

Over the past century, the scope and impact of the efforts made by the members of the Woman's Club of Morristown have been far-reaching; from raising funds to volunteering their time for a variety of causes. They have shown a strong commitment to assisting the needs of cancer patients, newborns, nursing home residents, and residents at Greystone Psychiatric Hospital. In addition, they have shown their support for education by providing assistance to The Lake Drive School for the Hearing Impaired, awarding scholarships to graduates of Morristown High School and donating books to the Morristown Library. The Woman's Club of Morristown has also shown their support for organizations that help battered women and abused children. They are continuously looking to help those less fortunate, exemplified by their donations of clothing to Seaman's Institute and their co-sponsoring of "Operation Holiday," which provides gifts to those who cannot afford them.

In addition to assisting organizations in the community, the Woman's Club of Morristown has noted the historical importance of the area by preserving and maintaining the historic house of Dr. Lewis Condict, which serves as their club house. The house was built in 1797 and has been maintained by the organization for over 50 years.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of the Woman's Club of Morristown as